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**Cc:** Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bowman, Liz  
**Sent:** Tue 6/27/2017 4:24:32 PM  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA review -- region 3

I think the emails/PDF would actually be a lot easier to review.

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:12 PM  
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: FOIA review -- region 3

I have a hard copy if you prefer that

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2017, at 12:10 PM, Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Can you send me all those documents to review? Thanks – Liz

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 6:44 AM  
**To:** Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FOIA review -- region 3

Hi all –

See below – Region 3 public affairs sent me the documents referenced below – I am

familiar with the incident. I reviewed the documents and find nothing, as did the region, that could be withheld. Some of the documents contain flip/sarcastic comments by the on scene coordinator for the incident.

Thanks ng

### **Freedom Industries FOIA**

Region 3 has approximately 13,000 documents ready for release in response to a FOIA request from more than 20 requesters seeking information on EPA's involvement in the Freedom Industries spill of methylcyclohexanemethanol (MCHM). The requesters include the Associated Press, Wall Street Journal, Charleston (WV) Gazette, as well as attorneys and litigation consultants. The responsive documents include information on the safe levels of MCHM in drinking water and air, the flushing of tap water and government communication efforts. Region 3 has shared approximately 70 of the most sensitive responsive documents with OPA for review prior to our release. Background: On January 9, 2014, approximately 10,000 gallons of MCHM leaked from an above ground storage tank at Freedom Industries in Charleston, WV and spilled into the Elk River, shutting down the water supply for 300,000 people. West Virginia had the lead for the response and EPA provided support on the cleanup and on health issues.

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